



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101-3140

OFFICE OF
WATER AND WATERSHEDS

April 10, 2012

Reply to Attn of: OWW-130

Kent Hills
Hatchery Manager
US FWS Kooskia National Fish Hatchery
318 Toll Road
Kooskia, Idaho 83539

Re: Kooskia National Fish Hatchery IDG-13-1004
Coverage under the NPDES General Permit for Cold Water Aquaculture Facilities
IDG-13-1000 will expire on November 30, 2012.
NOI for Renewal due June 3, 2012

Dear Mr Hills:

This letter serves as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's notification that the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit referenced above will expire on November 30, 2012. To continue discharges regulated by this permit after the expiration date, you must submit a notice of intent (NOI) to be covered under the Aquaculture General Permit (GP) in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.28(b)(1) and (2). To renew and ensure continuous permit coverage under this GP, you must submit to the EPA a new and complete NOI postmarked at least 180 days before the expiration date of the current permit, or by June 3, 2012.

If you need additional time to submit your new NOI, you may request permission to submit the application at a later date. The EPA Region 10 may grant permission to postmark the application after June 3, 2012, but permission will not be granted for submission after November 30, 2012, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(d). To request such an extension, please send your request to John Abbotts, U.S. EPA R10, 1200 6th Ave Suite 900, OWW – 130, Seattle, WA 98101. Alternatively, you may call John Abbotts and request an extension at 206-553-8530.

Failure to submit a timely and complete NOI for renewal will result in your coverage under the Aquaculture general permit not being continued in force, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 122.6(a).

The NOI form may be accessed on EPA's NPDES Permits Unit website at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits#Aquaculture>

Once at the webpage, scroll to 'Notice of Intent' and look for Notice of Intent for **IDG-131000**.

Please send completed NOIs to:

US EPA Region 10
Office of Water and Watersheds
Attn: NPDES Permits Unit, OWW-130
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101-3140

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please call Dirk Helder at (208) 378-5749.

Sincerely,



Dru Keenan
NPDES Permits Unit